

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for playing a game including steps of:

providing a plurality of payout schedules;

allowing the player to select two or more of the payout schedules irrespective of an amount of any bet he places;

allowing the player to place two or more bets, each bet being associated with a respective one of the selected schedules, the bets being based on an outcome of a selection of a combination of symbols;

selecting a combination of symbols in an at least apparently random manner;

determining whether the combination of symbols is a winning combination, and

awarding the player for a winning combination for each bet in accordance with its respective selected payout schedule.